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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 780**

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**Introduced by Senator Ortiz**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Coto)

February 22, 2005

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An act to add Article 6.6 (commencing with Section 92675) to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of the Education Code, relating to the University of California.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 780, as amended, Ortiz. University of California: medical schools: admissions criteria.

Existing law establishes the University of California, and provides for its administration, and the provision of instruction at its various campuses, by the Regents of the University of California. The University of California operates medical schools at its Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco campuses.

This bill would request the regents to require the medical schools of the university to consider specified criteria in their consideration of applicants for admission. These criteria would include the community and family background of the applicant as it relates to the likelihood that the applicant will ultimately practice in an area designated by the state or federal government as a health professional shortage area or a medically underserved area, or that the applicant will ultimately serve a medically underserved population. The bill would also request the regents to consider specified elements in the formation of these criteria.

*The bill would request the regents and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to select the members of, and*

*convene, a task force to consider recommendations and goals regarding the university's ability to meet the needs of medically underserved cultural and linguistic communities in California through the university's training of health care professionals. The bill would specify the groups that would be represented in the membership of the task force. The bill would require this task force to report its findings and recommendations, in writing, to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 6.6 (commencing with Section 92675) is  
2 added to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 6.6. Medical Schools  
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6 92675. (a) The Regents of the University of California are  
7 requested to require the medical schools of the university to  
8 consider specified criteria in their consideration of applicants for  
9 admission. These criteria shall include the community and family  
10 background of the applicant as it relates to the likelihood that the  
11 applicant will ultimately practice in an area designated by the  
12 state or federal government as a health professional shortage area  
13 or a medically underserved area, or that the applicant will  
14 ultimately serve a medically underserved population.

15 (b) The regents are requested to consider all of the following  
16 elements in the formation of the specified criteria referred to in  
17 subdivision (a):

18 (1) Development of a mission statement that reflects an  
19 institutional commitment to diversity and the underserved.

20 (2) Selection of "well-rounded" students by elevating both  
21 academic factors and personal attributes within the context of the  
22 "distance traveled" by the applicant.

23 (3) Ensuring that admissions committees understand the role  
24 and relevance of grades and test scores in predicting future  
25 success in clinical settings.

26 (4) Ensuring the careful assessment of personal qualities as a  
27 high-priority consideration for each candidate.

1 (5) Appointment of admissions committee members who  
2 reflect the diversity that is being sought in the student body.

3 (6) Education of admissions committee members on societal  
4 health needs and the role of a diverse health workforce in  
5 meeting those needs.

6 (7) Actively recruiting disadvantaged and—~~minority~~  
7 *underrepresented* students who have been accepted, but who  
8 have not yet enrolled.

9 (8) Development of educational programs that allow  
10 disadvantaged and—~~minority~~ *underrepresented* students to  
11 succeed.

12 (9) Establish and maintain outreach programs to increase  
13 student interest in the health professions and their eligibility for  
14 admissions.

15 (10) Improve and maintain active partnerships with  
16 undergraduate health sciences advisors.

17 92675.1. (a) *The Regents of the University of California and*  
18 *the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development are*  
19 *requested to select the members of, and convene, a task force to*  
20 *consider recommendations and goals regarding the university's*  
21 *ability to meet the needs of medically underserved cultural and*  
22 *linguistic communities in California through the university's*  
23 *training of health care professionals.*

24 (b) *The task force selected and convened pursuant to this*  
25 *section shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the*  
26 *following:*

27 (1) *Representatives of the university and the Office of*  
28 *Statewide Health Planning and Development.*

29 (2) *Persons designated by the Speaker of the Assembly or the*  
30 *Senate Committee on Rules.*

31 (3) *Representatives of the Department of Health Services, the*  
32 *California Academy of Family Physicians, and the California*  
33 *Medical Association.*

34 (4) *Representatives of other interested stakeholder groups, as*  
35 *selected by the university or the Office of Statewide Health*  
36 *Planning and Development.*

- 1     *(c) The task force selected and convened pursuant to this*
- 2     *section shall report its findings and recommendations, in writing,*
- 3     *to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.*